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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1154

My husband and I have owned our home for over 33 years, in that time, we have paid for the: testing, permit, installation and yearly maintenance on our well. Also in that time, not once has the county or state contributed to any of those items. If this bill were to pass, who is going to be responsible for maintaining our well? Do we get to send all maintenance bills back to the state to reimburse us? Of course not!

We already pay property taxes on our place, only to be told what we can and can't do with it; now you want to be able to limit how much of our water we can use? Because if this passes, that is exactly what is going to happen. Every homeowner with a well, will no longer use their water at will because of a tax on usage. As it is now, if we use too much and our well goes dry, that is on us, unless of course, you would then be responsible for a replacement.

I was born and raised in Lebanon and except for 1 1/2 years that my Father worked out of state, I have lived in Oregon for 58 1/2 years. I have never wanted to move out of Oregon, the state that I love, more than I have in the last few years. Oregon's political stance on issues such as this, is making it more attractive to vote with my feet.

I implore you to reconsider this bill and vote it down.

Sincerely,

Marci Zimick, a very concerned well owner